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The present invention pertains to a method for treating obesity in a mammal by reducing the biological activity of HMGI genes in the mammal which comprises the steps of administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor compound to inhibit the protein-protein interactions of HMGI proteins. The present invention also pertains to a method for regulating growth and development of adipose tissue in a mammal by reducing the biological activity of HMGI genes in the mammal which comprises the steps of administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor compound to inhibit the protein-protein interactions of HMGI proteins.

RESPONSE

Claims 1-40 of the subject application are pending, claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-22, 26-28, and 33-40 have been withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement, and claims 6-12, 16-19, 23-25 and 29-32 were rejected. Applicants have deleted claims 16 and 29. Accordingly, claims 6-12, 17-19, 23-25 and 30-32 are presently being examined.

In view of the following Amendment and Response, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections made in the outstanding Office Action.